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SUBJ: CHILE TO UPDATE ITS NATIONAL SECURITY LEGISLATION

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1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 27 PRES PINOCHET ANNOUNCED THAT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS HE WOULD PUT INTO EFFECT NEW LEGISLATION, "MORE DRASTIC THAN THE CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE," TO DEAL WITH SUCH OFFENSES AS AIR PIRACY, TERRORIST ACTS, AND CLANDESTINE DISSEMINATION OF SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA. PINOCHET EXPLAINED THAT THIS LEGISLATION WILL EVENTUALLY BE SUPPLANTED BY A NEW LEGAL CODE OF NATIONAL SECURITY TO BE DRAFTED BY A COMMISSION OF JURISTS.

2. COMMENT: THE NEW NATIONAL SECURITY CODE WILL APPARENTLY AMPLIFY DECREE LAW 559 (REFTEL) WHICH AMENDED PREVIOUS LAWS ON SECURITY SUBJECTS. WHILE ALL WILL UNDERSTAND NEED FOR UP-TO-DATE LEGISLATION MAKING AIR PIRACY AND TERRORIST ACTS CRIMES, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF, FIRST, IMPRESSION WERE TO BE WRONGFULLY GIVEN THAT PUNITIVE POWER OF GOC WOULD BECOME EVEN HARSHER THAN IT CURRENTLY IS IN INTERNAL SECURITY CASES; AND SECOND, THAT SUCH VAGUE "OFFENSES"

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AS DISSEMINATION OF PROPAGANDA "TENDING TO DISRUPT

PUBLIC ORDER"SHOULD RESULT IN STILL TIGHTER CONTROLS
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